

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ADDISON, Deborah Confirmation No. 5799  
Serial No.: 10/532,520 Art Unit: 3772  
Filed: January 30, 2006 Examiner: LEWIS, Kim M.  
For: FLUID WOUND DRESSING

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**STATUS REQUEST**

Dear Sir:

Applicants request information as to the status of the above-referenced application.

On or about November 4, 2008, Applicants' representative spoke with the Examiner regarding the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued on September 19, 2008. Applicants' representative pointed out that the reasons for the notice were incorrect, i.e. that signature on an amendment/response by an attorney not of record is permissible and not a reason for the Examiner to refuse to act on the response.

The Examiner reviewed the MPEP and returned a call to the Applicants' representative, indicating her agreement with Applicants' position, and that she would advise as to further actions which might be necessary by Applicants or the PTO to advance prosecution. To date, no information has been forwarded to Applicants.

Accordingly, since the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued in error, Applicants await an action on the merits in response to their response filed October 22, 2007.

Applicants earnestly solicit a notice of allowance as to the present claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 5, 2008

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